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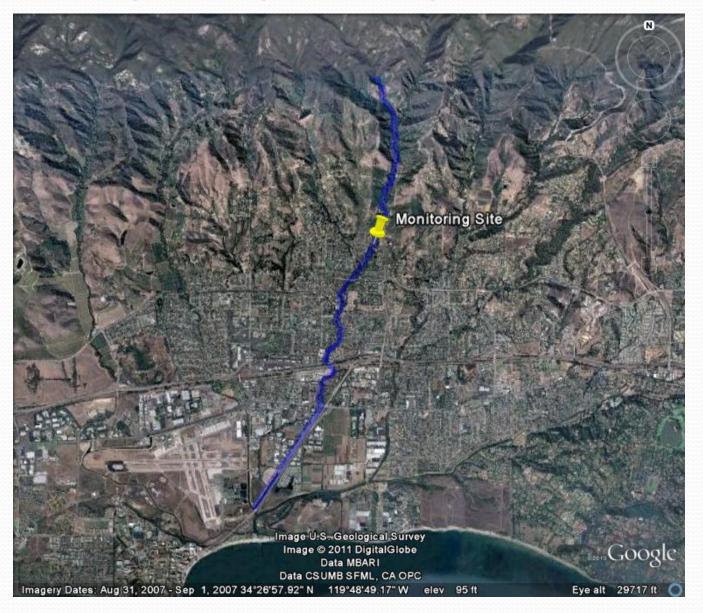


### Tier 3

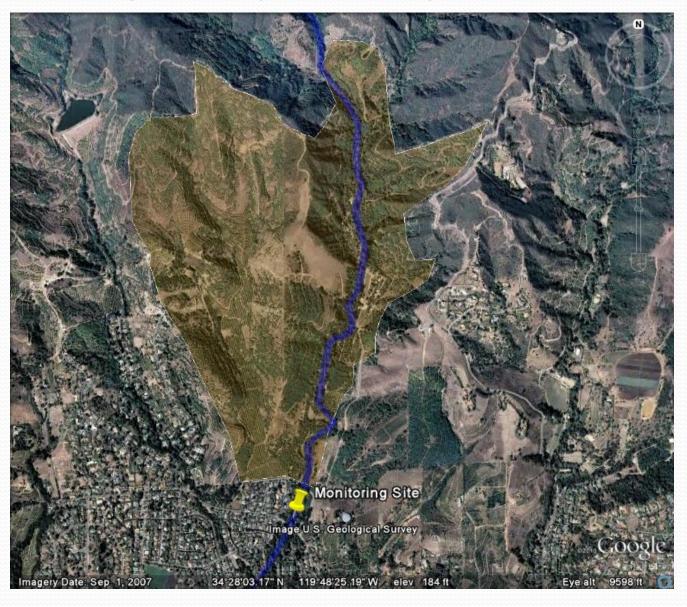
Do either of the following:

- 3a. Grow high nitrogen risk crops AND are greater than500 acres in operation size
- 3b. Applies chlorpyrifos or diazinon, AND discharges to waterbody 303(d) listed for toxicity or pesticides.

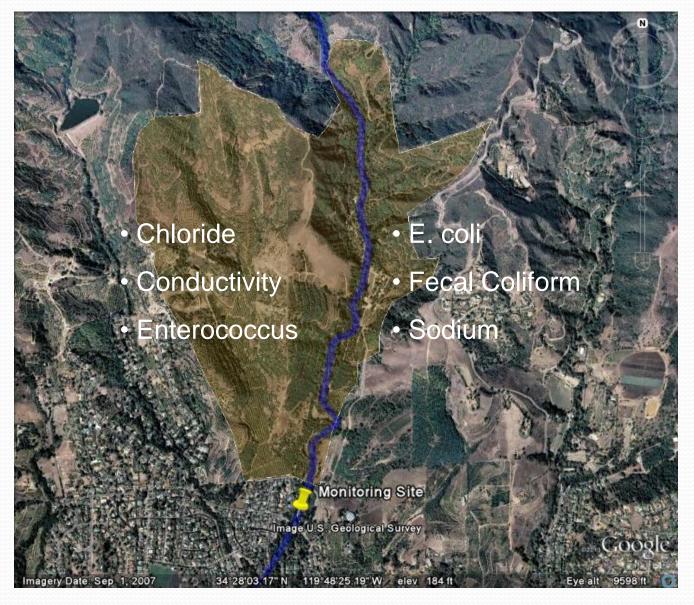
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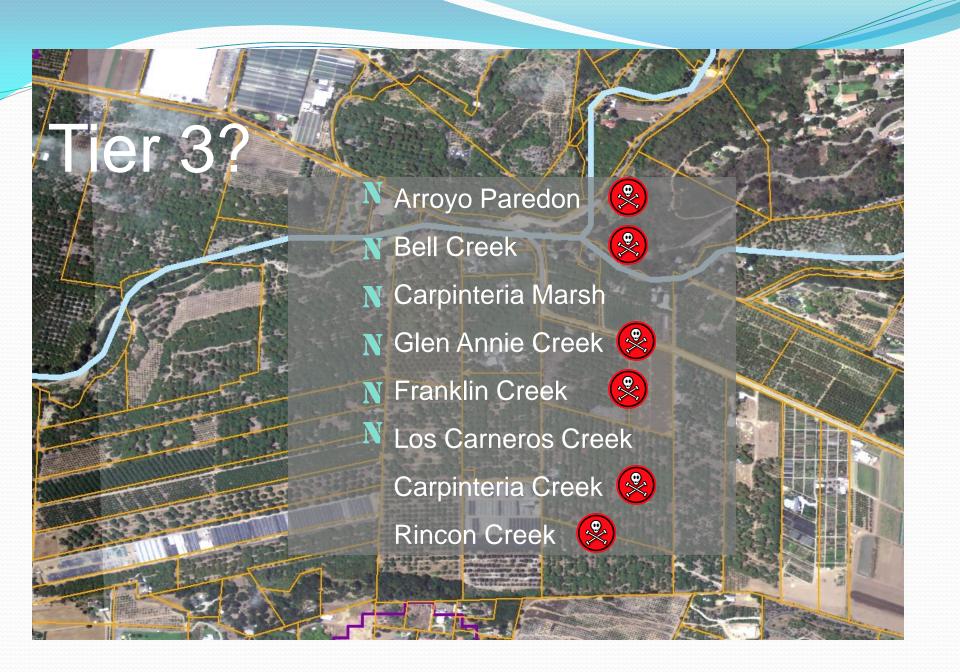


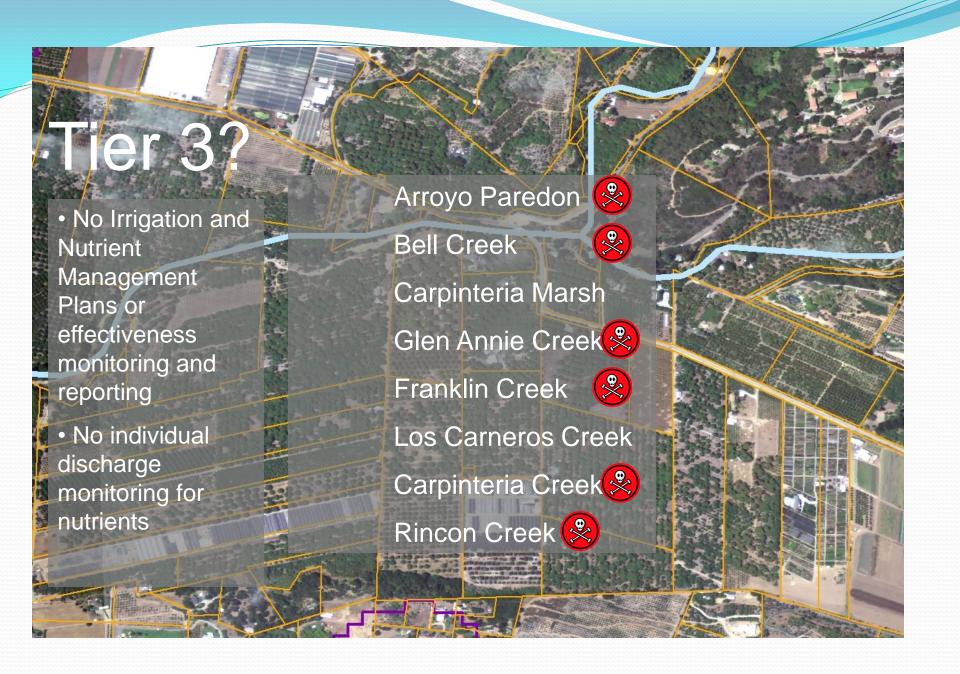
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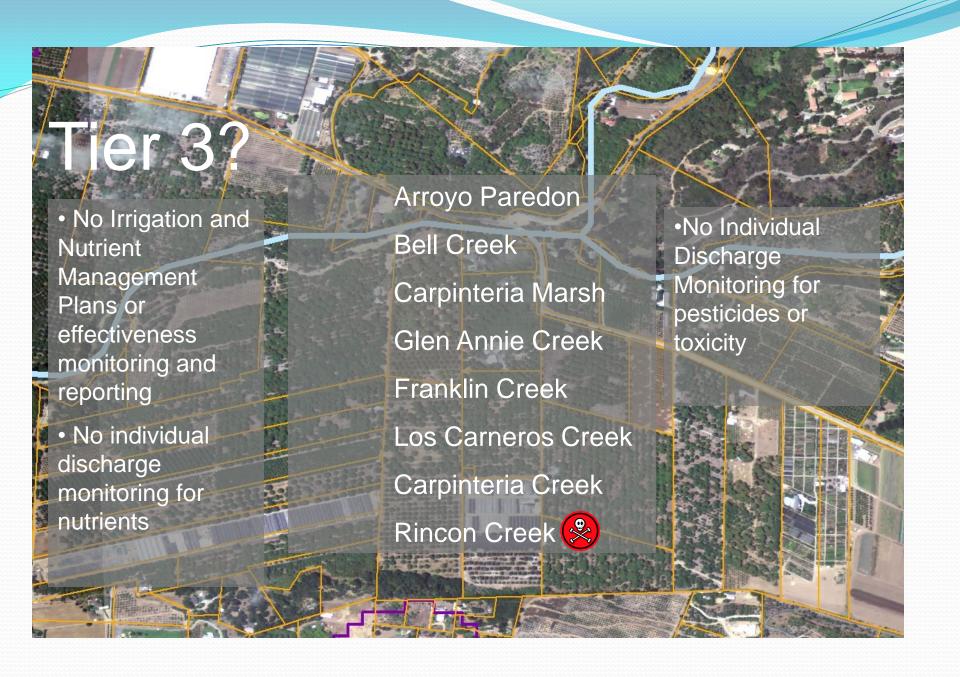


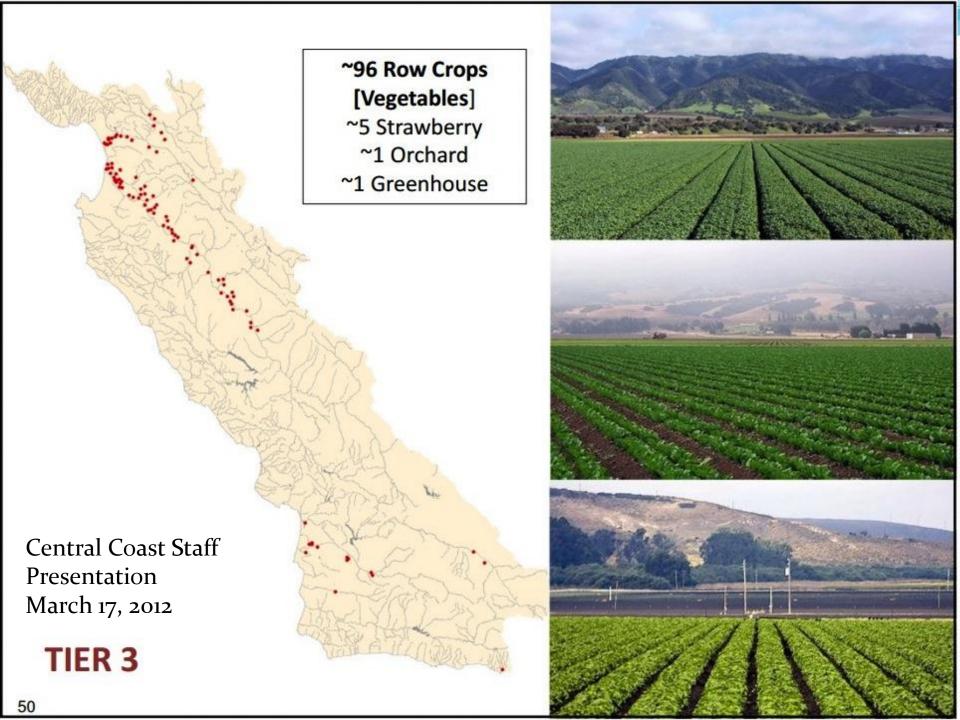
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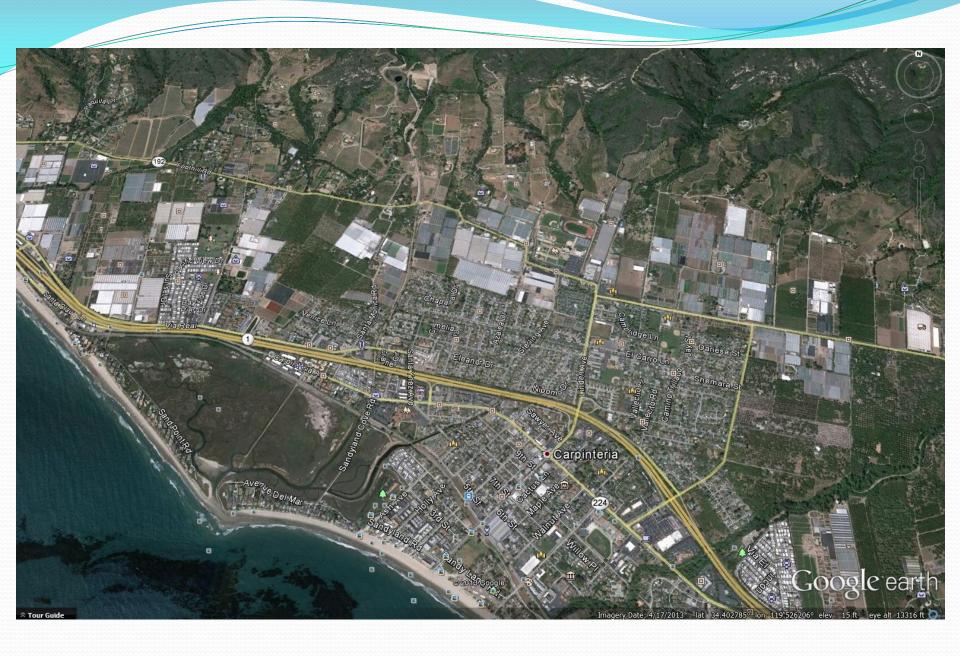


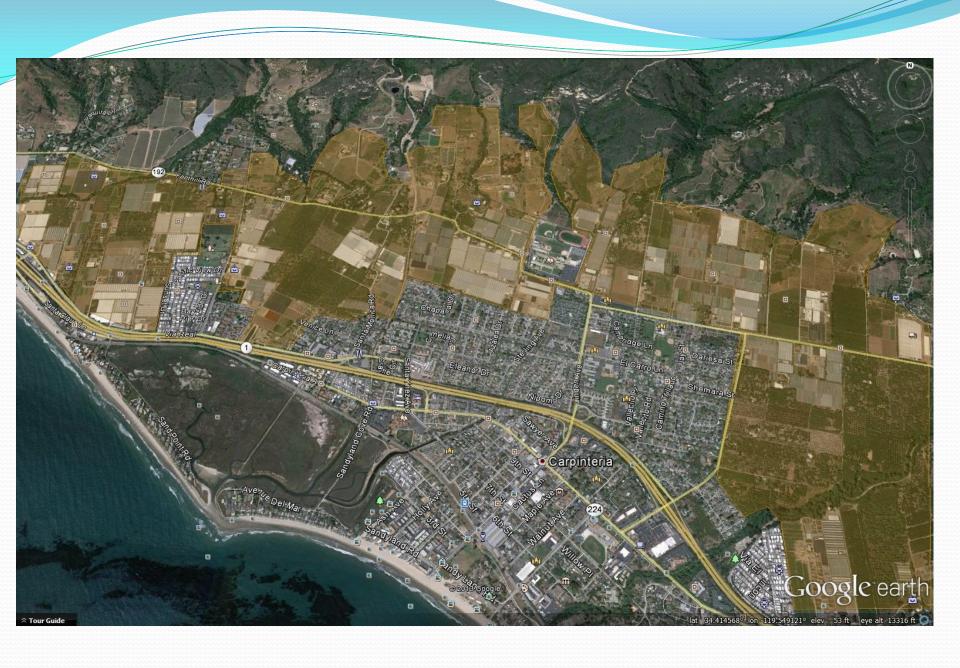


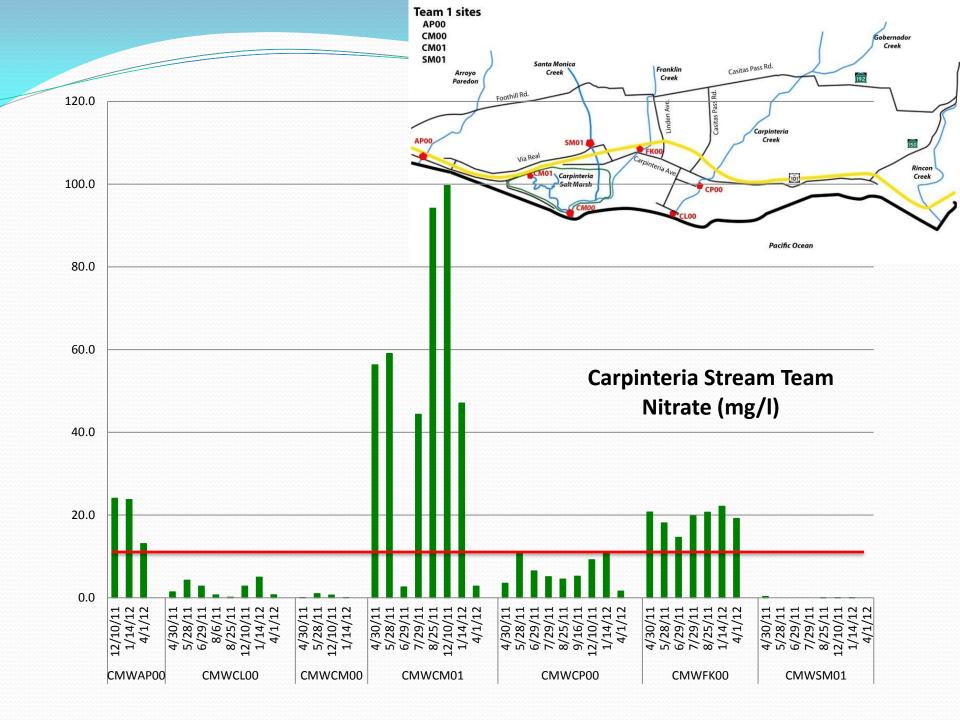
























"Keepers" Petition of the Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R3-2012-0011 (and MRPs), Petition A-2209(a)

Among the Tier 3 standards proposed by staff, one of the most important was the requirement that Dischargers with High Nitrate Loading Risk farms/ranches meet the nitrate balance ratio targets.

| Remedial Nutrient Budget |   |               |               |               |  |
|--------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|
|                          |   | Grower One    | Grower Two    | Grower Three  |  |
|                          | Crop                                      | Crop A/Crop A | Crop A/Crop A | Crop A/Crop B |  |
|                          |   |               |               |               |  |
| 100000                   | Nitrogen lbs / acre<br>fertilizer applied |               |               |               |  |
|                          | Nitrogen in soil and water<br>lbs / ac    |               |               |               |  |
|                          | Total Nitrogen "Applied"                  |               |               |               |  |
| 7                        | (3)                                       |               |               |               |  |

# Tells us nothing about the threat to groundwater. In fact, it could lead to misinterpretations

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|   | Grower One    | Grower Two    | Grower Three  |  |
| Стор                                      | Crop A/Crop A | Crop A/Crop A | Crop A/Crop B |  |
|   |               |               |               |  |
| Nitrogen lbs / acre<br>fertilizer applied | 220           | 260           | 270           |  |
| Nitrogen in soil and water<br>lbs / ac    | 20            | 30            | 40            |  |
| Total Nitrogen "Applied"                  | 240           | 290           | 310           |  |
|   |               |               |               |  |

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|----|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|
|    |   | Grower One    | Grower Two    | Grower Three  |  |
|    | Crop                                      | Crop A/Crop A | Crop A/Crop A | Crop A/Crop B |  |
|    | Nitrogen required by crop                 | 240           | 240           | 310           |  |
|    | Nitrogen lbs / acre<br>fertilizer applied | 220           | 260           | 270           |  |
|    | Nitrogen in soil and water<br>lbs / ac    | 20            | 30            | 40            |  |
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| A. | Ratio                                     | 1.0           | 1.2           | 1.0           |  |

### **SUPPORT**

- (A) Dismissal of the due process claims
- (B) The CCRWQCB's appropriate action under 13141 and 13241;
- (C) The SWRCB's finding that the tiering criteria are reasonable;
- (E) Clarification of Farm Practice Effectiveness Compliance (magnitude);
- (F) The SWRCB's affirmation of groundwater monitoring;
- (G) Clarification of Photo Monitoring;
- (I) Affirmation of the Provisions Addressing Nitrogen Application, Item 1 and 2
- (J) Affirmation of the requirement for a water quality buffer plan;
- (K) Clarification of good faith attempts to control pollutant discharges; and
- (L) Clarification of the Annual Compliance Form.

#### **OPPOSE**

- (D) Containment Structures Avoid / Minimize.
- (I. (3)) Nutrient Management Plan
- (I.(4) Nitrogen Balance Ratios, Provision 78)

### **MORE DISCUSSION**

- (H) Individual MonitoringNot monitoring containment structures (strongly oppose);
- Cumulative Loss of Groundwater Protections
  - Eliminate Nitrogen Balance Ratios and Reporting
  - Combined with no monitoring of containment structures
  - = Ineffective Groundwater Protection
- Implementation of ineffective Cooperative Groundwater Monitoring Program



These impairments are well documented, severe, and widespread. Nearly all beneficial uses of water are impacted, and the discharges causing the impairments continue. Immediate and effective action is necessary to improve water quality protection and resolve the widespread and serious impacts on people and aquatic life.

**CCRWQCB**